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Hello everyone ,

Some updates you might want to be aware of since yesterday Jan At Marvel Signs has set up an informational meeting for anyone that is interested in learning the other side that the informal meetings at your town are not saying . This is open to all opponents of Northern Pass and anyone wanting to know information so that they can make an informed decision. This meeting flyer is attached above January 24 6pm at the Woodstock Station. One further note you don t have to be from Lincoln or North Woodstock . Below is a download of arguments against the Northern Pass with pros and cons sent in by M/M Peter Martin. Also if you are just making your way onto this list and do not know if you are pro or con yet and want to educate yourself without being pushed from one side you can see the side NorthernPass is producing at www.northernpass.us. This site also includes the maps on where they are planning so that you can see how close it is to your home (but this is a NH issue so even if it is not close to your home please continue to investigate as even if not near your home I believe that if you live in NH below Concord or East/West of the lines, this is only a foot in the door and if you live within Concord to Canada or Concord to Deerfield you will be impacted even if you do nto live close.) Now for the No Northern Pass side checkout www.livefreeorfry.org , <http://www.facebook.com/posted.php?id=161856213834437> or <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Stop-The-Northern-Pass-No-High-Tension-Power-Lines-in-Coos-County/161856213834437>.

Lastly is a sobering thought which has been posed by some appear like sifi but if you read to the bottom to the news article about the bombing of a tower, a Hydro Quebec Tower near the US boarder you might think twice about discounting what I said . Either Way, Good Hunting, Darlene

one more PS some of you think because your property does not abut the proposed line you do not have a right to object, object be loud and clear that you feel as you do .

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Attached is research on Hydro-Quebec. Add anything you come up with. Pam Martin

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NOT SO FAR FETCHED

Up until today, I have never been frightened by the possibility of terrorist attack at least not close at home. Those fears were for places like Seabrook, Boston, New York, NJ and other locations with large scale populations and/or infrastructure that would affect a large population. Places that the collateral damage would be significant. Since Campton, where I live has no large population and no large infrastructure that served a big population, I felt pretty safe that I was not in the crosshairs so to speak of a terrorist. No where near Campton, central or northern NH or the White Mountains which I have called home for all of my life (and where I have lived for the majority of it as well) is there any such populations or infrastructure to make us such a target. In fact, I have had more customers (in my real estate business) since the terrorist attack of September 11th choosing "to come to our neck of the woods" to buy a vacation home that they could enjoy but as a safe haven for themselves and their family in the event of another attack. Until now the threat of terroristic attack was always associated with any place but home. Terrorism was never on my mind unless I was traveling or outside of my community. What does Campton or any other community of central and northern NH, The White Mountains have to offer a terrorist. Yes, he or she might take a break here like any other tourist, but no big target or reason to threaten here. No reason for them to even put us on their radar, right? But that safe feeling ends the day the power lines of Hydro Quebec comes to our wonderful state. We follow suit with all the other areas of the USA and the world that is ripe for attack. HOME is not SAFE anymore as long as HydroQuebec's lines are slated to destroy our state. Adding possible terrorism to all of the other horrible probabilities that HydroQuebec's proposed Northern Pass poses to us, the economic devastation, the health risks, the eyesores..... all of which I have posed to you over the last weeks in hopes that you will understand what is in store for us all if this comes to pass. BUT

Yesterday I posed a question to the coalition (No Northern Pass Coalition) that led me along with all of the other information I have assimilated into my brain about this project to a thought that seriously disturbed me. The question was if the towers are 135 feet and the right of ways just 150 wide, what about the fall zone? What about if a tower falls along with it the line it holds. And then an even more scary thought hit me. A thought that there was more to the question about terrorism posed by Gail. Even though Gail had brought this up issue weeks ago, I did not see the potential behind this being a real issue to add to my worry about the impact of this all. And while some of you might say What I will go into below is "Chicken Little", just think about it and read on. Are you ever going to feel safe from terrorist attack again once these lines are in? Gail Beaulieu has posed to us about the risks of exposure to terrorism possibilities. And I pose this to you right now that the possibilities goes way beyond knocking out the power to a large amount of people in southern New England. While all of the world has exposure, ours was not a very likely exposure at least until the towers are constructed. The possibility that the large transmission of power to a large population going

through our community could impose upon us does changes this but the real threat is not the loss of power. When Gail posed that we could be opening ourselves to terrorism, I saw what she was talking about to be by wiping out a tower or multiple towers along the line. It was possible to wipe out the power to the grid that these lines would serve but would that be catastrophic enough to warrant terrorists to consider us a target?. Our exposure would be there whether or not NH was getting any portion of this power for the simple reason to knock out tower(s) on this route would hit large scales of people. This is so even if NH was not served by the lines(once Northern Pass were to happen, if it were to happen) . That would be bad enough but not likely catastrophic. There would be schools and other locations set up for those without generators to stay warm, and a few hardy soles might try and weather out at home rather than to leave their homes exposed to vandals , and homes will freeze and water lines will break and it will be a big mess for all those homes served by the power grid that was powered through the towers knocked down(in NH or in New England or both). And the question is this any different that the impact of a winter storm other than it was done on purpose(by terrorists) ?As in any power outage summer or winter a few people might even die from exposure and houses as I said would be dark and cold . Is this a catastrophic event that would lead terrorists to put NH in their crosshairs so to speak? I doubt it . I think that in the event that I survived the other issues of the Northern Pass (meaning financially), I probably would not lose sleep at night with the fear of this being anymore of a likelihood than normal winter knocking out the power. I fear the other issues much more than them knocking out the power.

I listened to the Northern Pass people on Monday at Plymouth's town hall explanation about all the power going into a box(the energy grid) at varying costs per unit and it did not take me long to see the consequences of the low cost energy from Hydro Quebec on our current NH born green renewable energy plants. I also could quickly see the unlikely possibility of any new power sources coming down the pike because of cost and ability to compete much less the money it would take to invent and test. Factor in that Hydro Quebec would have the sole transmission rights over the lines and well , welcome to Quebec in NH! I could easily see that it would be not long before these guys were right with their prediction that NH would need this power too. Despite today when NH is energy self sufficient enough to export what we do not use, once their low cost energy from Hydro Quebec got into the grid, it will not take long before every one of the other plants (not purchased by them) would be out of commission. Of course people that individually turned their homes into their own power source would be different – smart them(you knew you were smart Karen and Mike but). And yes theoretically if Hydro Quebec after putting all the green renewable energy plants of NH out of business continued to give us cheap energy then it would be true that we did get a benefit, cheap energy. Not worth all the other losses as far as I am concerned but it would be a benefit- NH's power is not cheap. We pay significantly for the renewable green energy we have . Not speaking for anyone else but for myself, it is worth the extra cost for my power to know that NH's is energy self sufficient with green renewable sources in NH. It is worth paying a little more to support the small energy producers of green renewable here in NH . Just as it is worth paying a little more for those products made in the USA. If one small power plant in NH went down for a day, a week , a month or permanently , we'd still have enough to keep NH going. At least until Hydro Quebec comes in and puts them all out of business. I am not conned by the men and woman of Northern Pass pretended to not know about Hydro Quebec's history of environmental destruction or its history of bulldozing the people of Quebec as well as its ground, nor about its methane creation that will haunt the earth for decades to come. They did not get in bed with Hydro Quebec without knowing that the power that would come from Hydro Quebec is neither green nor is it renewable. No matter what they say, I am not conned by the statement "I don't know anything about that". Of course they know, If HQ is willing to make such a mess of their homeland, what would they do to ours . I am not conned by talk of creating 1200 new jobs. Their jobs will turn out to be short term low paying jobs that come to the people of NH. I am not stupid enough to think that the higher paying ones will not require expertise that will not fit for most of those in NH that need jobs. I know that they will be bring in those with the skills they need (maybe even from Quebec). And that once the

construction is done so are the jobs. I am not comforted by them saying that we will have reliable power that will supplement the power we have and make sure we never go without. As right now we have enough to export and NH is using less power every day and creating more every day. But all of that will end if they are allowed to get their foot in . I am not conned that they do not know that Hydro Quebec had to shut down last summer for 3-5 weeks due to drought . So when they kill off all of NH other power sources, I'd like to know, where are we going to be when there's another drought,(and it does not take a rocket scientist to know that there will be). Don't tell me that you(Northern Pass) will have a contract and they will have to supply, what do you think we are stupid? Canada's going to get the power and we are going to sit on our thumbs and saying - Why did the people of NH allow this ? Where were our politician that we elected to protect our interests?How did this happen, how could it happen ???The consequences caused by the loss of our ability to produce our own energy and be self sufficient will be great and I could be wrong – we could have cheap power on into the future. But I don't see it . I see no scenario where we will get cheap energy and our currently green renewable power plants continue to coexist without being gobbled up . And I see no likely scenario that once they have no competition, no matter how friendly Canada and the US are that we will continue to keep that cheap energy beyond the time that it takes for their cheap power to wipe out the competition. And there is movement in Canada for Quebec to succeed for Canada to become their own nation, how then will this affect us? Think they are still going to be friendly? That alone is scary but this is not what I am writing you about. Just wait and bear with me a few minutes more.

Now we have these huge 135 foot eyesores of towers (proposed now but) going through our forests and farmlands like a zipper. 135 feet high and 40 foot wide at the base, according to them , 135 feet high marks the high end of the scale(I have heard today that there are publications showing that they might need to go as high as 180 feet but lets assume that in this instance 135 is the peak of how tall they will be). They are telling us that depending on the size of the right of ways and the terrain these towers will range in size between 90-135. The narrower the right of way , the taller the towers will need to be , this is what they are telling us(so take that as you may). That the minimum that they can get away with for their right of ways is 150 feet wide. They are saying that the 1/4 mile of the National Forest that has only a 100 feet Special Utility Needs Exception(in the forest they call it a Special Utility Needs Exception and not a Right of way) , they are going to need to expand that 100 foot SUNE to 150 feet in order to safely locate the current and new lines far enough away from each other. The ac carrying lines that run south to north and the new DC carrying lines that is being proposed by Northern Pass is going to run north to south (the opposite direction in other words) will require them to move the current AC lines over in order to locate the new Dc carrying lines in the center of the right of way(or Special Exception). We are told in order to safely locate ac and dc in the same ROW they need to be 100 feet apart(100 feet higher or 100 feet wider). Now they are also telling us that they intend to expand the right of ways where possible within some of the current right of ways on private lands (and up north will need to establish as there are no right of ways serving all the way up to the boarder. Right now in Thornton as well as the bordering towns they are attempting to tempt owners of property that currently does not have a right of way through them to allow them to go onto their property for the purpose of investigating the possibility of a ROW through their property. They are even paying them for this . They are telling them the same thing they are telling the towns - it is green renewable and it is good for their towns tax base will create jobs and is good for NH . I am not positive but as I understand if the right of way is larger the tower might not have to be as tall (150 feet is the smallest right of way that they can be 100 feet apart if the row is 200 feet them might be able to be smaller towers for the second row- might this will depend a lot on the terrain). I understand that the reason is that they can locate the ac and dc towers further apart to achieve the same goal (keeping the ac and dc lines separate by 100 feet).

Lets get back to the notion that once the competition is wiped(there are no independent NH power sources other then those that have taken their homes off the grid and supply enough for their own needs within their

own property), and the new entity Northern Pass will then end up serving a great deal of New England(eye on expansion so all you towns east and west once they are here don't think your not next , you are), NH included. Now going back to what Gail said about a terrorist attack wiping out the Northeast grid with one felt swoop of a tower or multiple towers. Add in that we are all rural small communities in central and northern NH . Small communities with small local infrastructure. Small fire departments some of whom are shared by multiple town , small police forces, small facilities to deal with disaster. We do have the interconnected relationship to respond for each other in the event of a situation above each towns own infrastructure . This interconnection is intended to address normal forest fires, normal large scale house or business fire, the normal dam flooding and other like expectable disasters. But none up here are really equipped for the possibility of terrorist attack. None of the local hospitals have any idea of what a disaster of this magnitude could present - not talking about a power outage, here. Oh yes there are drills but there are drills and there are drills. I do not think that many of the towns have ever seen the real possibility of this before. Like I said, we are not the kind of area that would make much of a target for terrorists, not yet. And like I said there are drills and there are drills.

Okay as I said above, some of us have power generators that will keep us going in the middle of the winter in the event of loss of power (summer too) and some of us will have to head for the local shelter. It is not an uncommon occurrence to lose power in ice storms and therefore it is not going to be an event that will gather the news much more then regionally. Terrorists want to kill and maim , to disrupt large segments of the USA population . Okay so they knock a few towers out in the National Forest and this knocks out our power for a while,so what this happens normally due to the weather. We will be back up and running as soon as the towers can be repaired. We are prepared for power outages, No biggie . With the fall zone of the towers in the National Forest(while this is not to be discounted as of no value- I do not believe that) the worst case is damage to the ground below that might include delicate environment eco systems and it might wipe out some trees, but will not kill and maim along with damaging infrastructures and would warrant a terrorist attack. AND since the NH Site Evaluation Committee is challenged with this, presumably when they are installed they will take into account the environmental issues(or so we are told).

Do not get me wrong here, I am not trying to minimizing all the other issues for which this project is just bad for central and northern NH, bad for the White Mountains , bad for NH, bad for New England bad for the USA, this adds to them another dimension as to why it is bad. From Pittsburg on down , knocking out the grid will leave us all without power all the way down if we are all being serviced by that line (once they have killed all of the other energy initiatives in NH – which I believe is part of their goal).What I am talking about adds to all of those important reasons .What I am saying adds the issue of Terrorism into the not so unlikely category . A few of the larger communities along the proposed path of the Northern Pass (not necessarily large but with the added issues of gas stations,gas storage companies, gas suppliers(and/or other easily flammable products near the fall down zones of the power lines) .This is the added dimension that could be a very scary added possibility of why terrorists might now see them as noteworthy enough to contemplate. Especially if they were to look at strategically of pick multiple targets at once . I am going to use Campton as an example as it falls into this category of towns and it is the one I am familiar with . Campton at exit 28 has the power lines coming down over Sunset Hill. Because of the congestion of the location being the entrance to the White Mountains and the only access in which to go to Waterville Valley, the local Chamber of Commerce , a small mall that includes the liquor store,the Owls Nest Golf Resort and other tourist destinations, This makes Campton one of those . I am familiar most with this as it is the location of my family's business for the last (next year) 50 years . There are two gas stations on either side of me right off the interstate.On any given Friday there may be a back up of cars coming off the highway and Sunday going the opposite direction . On most nights after 6 pm as they say the curtain is drawn and with the exception of the gas stations not a lot happens in this area of Campton until it wakes and heads into their offices and shops come morning . Route

49 area is pretty sparse of people. But don't get me wrong this same scenario that I am about to present to you could be set off right in front of us in broad daylight. The kind of bombs that could affect this could be small enough to be in a small paper bag left off at the bottom of the pole with no one the wiser. That is until it detonates. Why I chose Campton for this example is that I know the fall line of the power lines if 135 foot towers were installed at this location could become significant. At the area of Campton's Route 49 there is no room for expansion of these right of ways. There are buildings all around the right of way- and some currently in current row(6 Flags Mobile park has mobiles that are in the powerline ROW right now). But if that current right of way at exit 28 is a 150 feet, that is all it is. The lines run between Handiman Hardware, Stix Restaurant and Campton Mobil. If there is 150 feet it is just barely. Because of how this comes down over Sunset Hill, there will be more towers needed to make the turns. Because the right of way is narrow they will also have to be the maximum height. NOW here is where it gets scary relative to the fall zone and possible terrorism. Terrorists make their attempts at locations that they might slip in and out easily, where they can get the most publicity and where they can either kill or maimed the most people or make the biggest impact, right? Anyone who has taken down a tree down can tell you that if you cut a wedge in a tree in the right place you can make it fall in one direction or the other and usually can control that direction. I am guessing that same principal would apply to a tower. So now we have 135 foot tower with 150 foot right of way(if it is not narrower). That means that there is 75 feet on either side and the tower 135 feet (but that does not take into account that it is 40 feet square at the base and it does not take into account that there is another row of power lines on one side or the other). It is 135 feet tall meaning if it were a straight pole dropping it would drop 65 feet out of the right of way. That 65 feet might put the downed DC power line crashing down on the gas tanks at Campton Mobil. Now you'd think they would take into account the gas tanks but if you take a look, I am not sure they can. Handiman Hardware on the other side also has gas tanks the propane kind as they fill tanks for people. I do not know how much is stored there but within a short distance is Stix and they have gas tanks too. There are 125 mobiles in the mobile park stacked one another (some of which are actually inside of the power right of ways) and which most are heated and or have cooking gas. From one gas tank to the next if any of these were impacted it could set off a catastrophe that might quickly get out of control.

Here's a scenario that could happen. One or more towers in this vicinity is blown up falling down so as to impact one of the gas tanks with a spark from the DC current(anyone that has seen down power lines know that they spark). That tank explodes setting off others. If it happened in the park one explosion could trigger the others maybe not leading to a disaster but if it hit Stix, Handiman or the Campton Mobil all of their tanks are close enough to set each other off. Not to mention if they hit a few towers to maximize their potential to hit the targets. Not only they get the publicity of shutting down the grid but a massive fire that with the current infrastructure might be impossible to get under control. If a tower's fall line was such as to land on the tanks of Campton Mobil I think it might just hit that scenario. If they hit several like communities on the line all at the same time so much for the ability to help each other. In 1999, I watched my home burn from a gas explosion. The small 100 pound tank I had behind my barn turned a 6000 square foot home and 3500 square foot attached barn into ash very quickly. Fueled by the gas that could not be turned off because of where it was the fire spread like lightning. The fire department while they valiantly fought did not have a prayer in and when all was said and done only the chimneys still stood. So I have a little taste of how gas turn a small fire into one that will decimate. If one of those building's gas tanks took a hit with sparks it would not take long for all of the area to be exploding one after another. Campton Mobil, then next Handiman Hardware, Stix and King Realty. From Handiman and Stix would be A and H Auto and the mobile home park, from King Realty would be the back of the park and Campton Corners which includes a Gulf gas station surrounding these are more homes and the forest. With the gas from the two gas stations and all the other tanks near by this would quickly spread. If this was not gotten under control it would quickly hit the village of Campton. Even if the burning mobiles sparks did not jump the river(which I am sure it would), the buildings and gas tanks along would bring it to both the lower and upper village. The other direction might be slowed by Campton

Sand and Gravel but if it gets over to the other side of the Pemi via sparks Chesleys gas tanks and the gas heating and cooking from the mobile park and the closeness of the homes, the Coachman condos, the Sunset Grill(more gas) Thornton Collision , Glori Station , Ridgeline Realty and all; the way up the hill.

While if there were help from other responding towns it might get under control before it gets out of the Route 49 area but not if Campton Thornton Fire were forced to fight it alone while the same thing was happening to Holderness 's River Road (which has two gas stations and is surrounded by PSU's athletic facility , Hockey arena, Ray Burton's local campaign office and into downtown Plymouth and Ashland (has the same) who all have similar situations and are all area responders to each other and other towns along the route that might have the same or similar situation. Get the picture . Not only did they hit the grid in energy and wipe it out but until we can get the fire under control this terroristic attack could have catastrophic affects especially if it happened in the day time . And this with one small explosion or maybe a few down the line all at once strategically hitting the areas with fuel that will quickly expand given that their infrastructure would be spread way too thin for such an attack . This could all be set of remote control and might not need more than a few people to make this happen in multiple locations making the possibilities of controlling this even more impossible .

Now do you still this is ridiculous and I am being Chicken Little, well maybe, but I think I am not going to feel as safe as I did before the power lines if the Northern Pass comes in , I am not sure that you will after you read the News release below

Guess that ends our reign of second home owners buying in the north as a place for them and their family to come to get out of the risk of terrorism. Just another factor to make the values of homes drop even further. Never mind if the attack were to actually take place . And if you still think this is far fetched read on. Below is a Newspaper article on a recent bomb attempt to Hydro Quebec tower if you want to see from source :http://www.ctv.ca/CTVNews/TopStories/20041206/tower_bombing_041206/

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A mysterious group has claimed responsibility for an apparent bomb attack on a Hydro-Quebec tower.

The message was received in French by news media outlets on Monday. The Initiative de Resistance Internationaliste (IRI) denounced what it describes as the "pillaging" of Quebec's resources by the United States.

"An explosive device was placed under a Hydro-Quebec pylon of the Radisson-Nicolet-Des Cantons power line, near the American border. Through this operation, we are making public our refusal to be silent witnesses to the waste and pillaging of our resources at the hands of the United States empire," said the statement, translated from French by CTV's Montreal bureau.

"We are also acting against Hydro-Quebec's exploitation to the benefit of private enterprises, which profit from each opportunity that imperialism provides."

The group, which sent its communique to al-Jazeera, the Arab satellite TV news network, also dragged Iraq into the equation -- along with Bolivia, Colombia and the Palestinians.

"We refuse to allow all the weight of resistance to fall on the noble Iraqi people, who are being massacred because they were an obstacle to the American energy hegemony, or to the Bolivian peasants courageously mobilizing against the pillage of their gas resources, even risking their lives," the note said.

"We also refuse to let the Colombian and Palestinian people confront the imperial army alone, whether or not it is hidden behind a national banner."

It isn't clear when the attack occurred, although a hunter on an all-terrain vehicle discovered it damage to a hydro tower Nov. 30.

The IRI said authorities hid news of the attack "from the population during the chief dictator's visit" -- possibly a reference to the Nov. 30-Dec. 1 visit to Canada by U.S. President George W. Bush.

If true, one student leader who was involved in anti-Bush protests said the IRI's act of sabotage went too far.

"I think it makes people afraid, and I don't think that was the kind of message we meant to get out when we went to Ottawa," said Tim McSorley of the Canadian Federation of Students.

The incident happened near Coaticook, which is in Quebec's Eastern Townships. A bomb squad was dispatched Friday to the site by the Quebec provincial police.

Test results of materials found near the tower have not been released, so an explosive attack can't be confirmed yet.

Police say they've never heard of the group before this. However, they have seized the original letter sent out to some Quebec media outlets to analyze it. They won't confirm if the details in the group's note are accurate.

A Hydro-Quebec spokeswoman said the tower is part of a line that delivers electricity from James Bay to the Boston area, adding that service wasn't disrupted.

"We are taking that event seriously, and we are increasing security around our strategic installations," said Marie Archambault of Hydro-Quebec.

The ongoing investigation involves the provincial police, Hydro-Quebec and the Canadian counter-terrorism force.

The U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security and CSIS have also been alerted.

Security analyst Michel Juneau-Katsuya said: "This is an act of sabotage, but we're just a step away from terrorism. And for that reason, the United States will be very interested to see how we respond to it."

With a report from CTV's Jed Kahane

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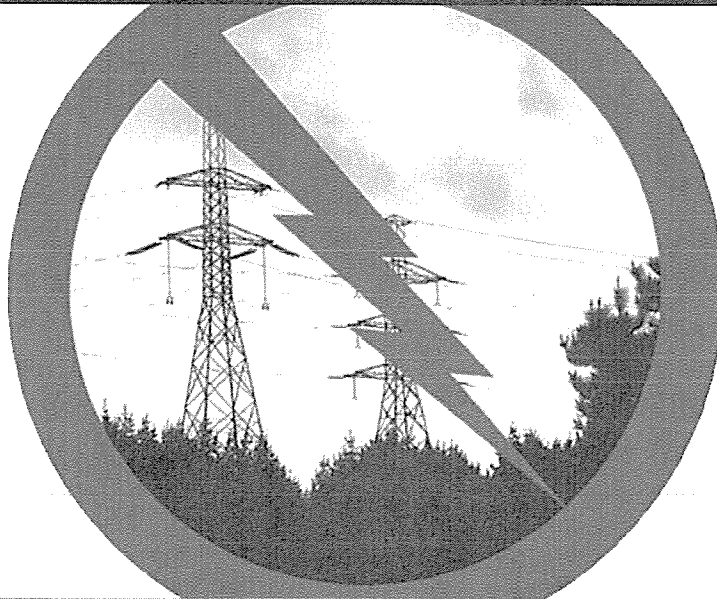
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